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## What's this madness about?

Welcome to Mustang Daily's sixth annual Gonzo edition. This issue is dedicated to the brand of journalism pioneered by Hunter S. Thompson, who gave us "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas." Thompson's journalism includes stories behind the story and commentary.

All year, the editors and writers of Mustang Daily have been confined to the established journalistic principles

when writing their articles. However, the whole story is rarely ever printed. Much goes on behind the scenes every night to ensure the Cal Poly public gets its Daily dose.

In the following pages, you will find tales of internships in Sin City, a review of the musical tastes (or lack thereof) of the Daily staff, letters from the editor and steroid use in the Cal Poly athletic department. Now

before you sit down to write that letter to the editor about the falsities contained in this issue, consider this your fair warning — NOT all stories are real. In fact, not all of them are even based on true events. So save it; we don't want to hear about it.

Sit back, tune out the lecture in front of you and see what happens when editors go wild.

### Reader's Guide



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# Fear and reporting in Las Vegas

*Editor's note: In keeping with Hunter S. Thompson's most famous work, "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," Mustang Daily editor in chief Stephen Curran decided to share his own tales of his summer reporting in what is quite possibly the most Gonzo city in America.*

**By Stephen Curran**  
MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

The distance between San Luis Obispo and Las Vegas is more than the 420 miles would imply.



Where the typical San Luis Obispo-an would find a drive-thru taboo, Southern Nevada (God help you if you say Nevah-dah) residents have grown used to drive-thru dry cleaners, Starbucks and, of course, Elvis-inspired wedding chapels. And, where Cal Poly students are accustomed to kitschy pseudo-dive bars with a touch of Pottery Barn, the

Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce welcomes its visitors with the real thing, blue-haired old ladies and truckers included.

"It's a great news town," my editor told me in the weeks before I left.

Las Vegas definitely has the makings of a great news town. Half Southwestern urban center, half dusty Western outpost, the city tries to be taken seriously for more than gambling, showgirls and legalized ... well, you know. Multi-million dollar homes sit behind 10-foot gates next to drive-thru pawn shops and "gentlemen's clubs," and repertory theatres are popping up in resort complexes that once offered only "the loosest slots in town."

There doesn't appear to have ever been a recession in Las Vegas. Where dirt and cacti once paved over the surrounding desert, there are now big box stores that would offend even the most pro-growth San Luis Obispo resident. There is also enough prosperity to support a

Starbucks —across the street from another Starbucks.

But it was the driest summer in recent Nevada history that made for the biggest news during my three-month stint, as I was sent to report at the frontline of the Mount Charleston fires, just outside the city (keep in mind that being "just outside the city" in Las Vegas is akin to driving from Los Angeles to sub-Saharan Africa on one tank of gas). Just when I thought it couldn't get hotter, my trusty truck threatened to overheat if I didn't turn off the air conditioner. Then I arrived, sunburned and sweaty.

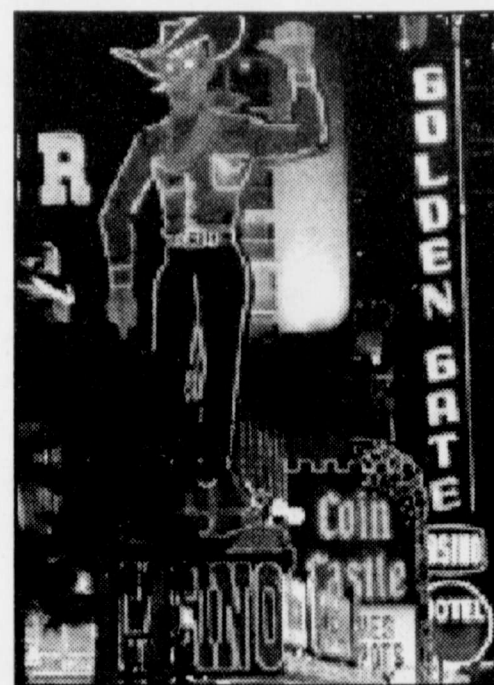
Little did I know I would be sunburned and mildly uncomfortable at the end of the day, which I spent in fire gear (on top of my work-authorized shirt and tie) running after fire fighters from throughout the West. Afterward, I settled back in my air-conditioned cubicle and wrote some of my best work.

Aside from the "real" story, there

were several other smaller stories, including chasing after Rev. Al Sharpton on a story about allegedly racist hiring practices in Strip casinos. Let me tell you, despite its somewhat nomadic and temporary feel, Las Vegas is very much a company town. You don't go after the casino industry. There was also the story of the Lebanese-American man who said he overheard terrorist activity on his cell phone. He ultimately failed an FBI-ordered lie detector; thankfully there was no terrorist attack.

He has a book deal (and lawsuit) in the works. I might too, if Hunter S. Thompson hadn't stolen my idea before I was alive to claim it.

And that pretty much sums up Las Vegas, a city where the woman fixing your frappuccino or selling you a new pair of cargo pants probably doubles as an exotic dancer, but with nearly 750,000 doctors, teachers, lawyers, plumbers and everything in between.



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Las Vegas has made a impact on Curran, who has set up a craps ring in the Mustang Daily office.



## The phone call that changed it all

**By Andra Coberly**  
MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

The high-pitched tone reaches out and slaps me in the face. Muscles tighten, fingers fold to a fist, heart pounds. The first piercing scream startles me, and the second increases the beat of my pounding chest.

No one moves. No one notices the sound. Everyone stares straight ahead, glazed eyes fixed on the computer screen, hands rapidly maneuvering the little plastic mouse. No one else hears it. I am the only one. Gripping the handle tightly, I bring it up to my face.

Words flow from my mouth, the same words that come every hour of every day. Then the voice comes from the other end.

"Hi, I am Sherry from XXXXX agency. We sent you a press release Thursday. I was wondering if you had received it."

Don't know. Don't know. Don't know. She's called before — Sherry, Stacey, Heather, Melissa. They've all called before.

Sherry was just another ghost, a voice with no face, no personality, no heart, no soul, arms, legs, fingers. At times, the sweet little voices of the public relations representatives send fear through every vein in my body. It's not Sherry really, it's not even the possibility of having to read a press release. It all stems from the summer, the call that gave birth to my phobia of phone calls.

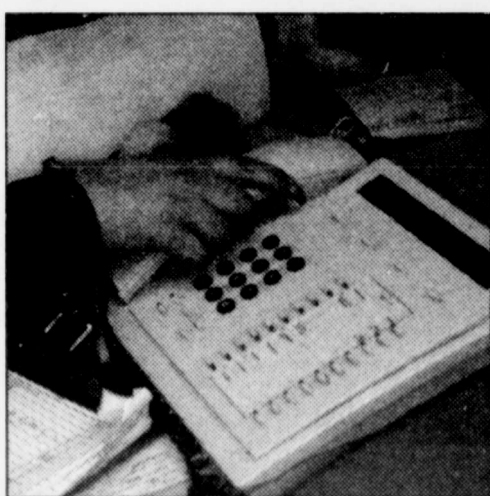
"Mustang Daily. This is Andra." Week two of Summer Mustang and I'm new: A pure and idealistic editor — not bitter, no barriers.

"Yeah, I was walking at Pismo Beach and I found a bone. I need to know some place where I can find out if it is human." The female voice was quick and serious, too serious for someone calling about a bone.

"Where can I find this out?," she continued. "Anyplace at Cal Poly?"

I paused and told her I didn't know.

"The Internet," I said, confused. "Look on the Internet or the Cal Poly



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Web site."

Her voice tensed.

"I don't have time to look on the Internet. This is serious. This could be a dead body. Is Kristen Smart's body still missing or not? I talked to the police, but they didn't listen..."

The words knocked me in the jaw. Back straightens, palm sweat, neck tightens. She sounded so sane, so normal yet odd and distant. A different world seemed to float on the other end of the line.

"This is serious," she screamed.

"I know." I didn't really know. I knew nothing of bodies or bones or missing people. I was the naive 20-year-old news editor of Summer Mustang. I knew about AP style and writing good leads. I knew who to contact for the crime beat and press releases. I didn't know about a single bone found on the beach.

She hung up on me fast and hard, a solid and loud clap protruding from the now silent line. She was gone. Leaving me clutching the receiver. Heart thumping, teeth grinding, body perspiring.

The line was dead. The woman's voice was gone, but the ghost was still floating above me.

"Hello, hello! Would you be interested in running our press release in your paper? Is this Andra?" Sherry's voice sounds confused with my silence.

"Yeah ... sounds good. We got the release. I'll have a writer get in touch with you. Thanks." I hang up the phone.

I don't say good-bye.

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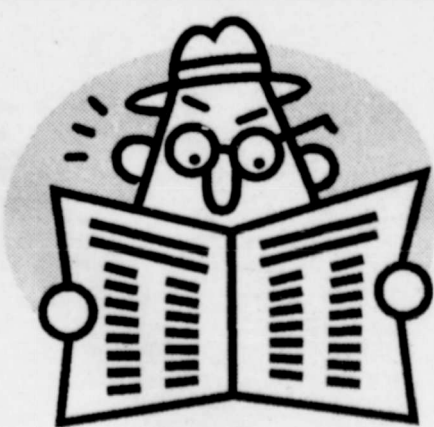
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## Professor arrested for assault after sticker dispute

By Meghan Nowakowski

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

What started out as an innocent gesture quickly turned violent and left one Cal Poly professor behind bars Thursday evening.

Teresa Allen, a journalism professor, was arrested for assault after she punched a man in the face and kicked him in the shins. Allen claims she was defending the feelings of her dog Peanut\*.

"Dogs have feelings too," Allen said. "That damn man had no right to question Peanut's intelligence."

The scuffle reportedly started after San Luis Obispo resident Ronald McDuff approached Allen to discuss her large bumper sticker that read, "My Australian Shepherd is smarter than your honor roll student." McDuff became upset after reading the sticker, claiming that his daughter, an honors student at San Luis Obispo High School, was in fact smarter than a dog.

After arguing for more than 15 minutes, the incident turned violent when McDuff challenged his daughter and Allen's dog to an academic decathlon. Allen became enraged and began assaulting McDuff.

Eyewitness Cindy Decker will have to testify in court.

"Ms. Allen did punch that man, but how dare he call her dog dumb," Decker said. "If someone ever insulted my dogs, you better believe I would pull out my can of whoop-ass on them."

Decker, an administrative assistant for the journalism department chair, is admittedly obsessed with dogs.

"I have over 50 pictures of my own dogs in my office," Decker said. "And let me tell you, my dogs are five times smarter than McDuff's honor roll student."

McDuff is currently wearing a neck brace, claiming to have suffered whiplash from Allen's



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**Cal Poly journalism professor Teresa Allen stands next to the bumper sticker that caused a dispute that ended in her arrest. She holds a certificate that states that her dog "really is smarter than an honor student."**

blow to his face. He said he was sorry that the argument had to end with charges being pressed.

"That broad went crazy," McDuff said.

McDuff said he intends on taking legal action against Allen.

"Maybe this will teach weirdo dog owners a lesson," McDuff said. "My kids are smarter than any dog, and besides, violence is never the answer."

Allen, who is currently in jail awaiting trial, said she has little remorse for what she did to

McDuff.

"I'd do it again in a second," Allen said. "My only regret is that my sweet dog (Peanut) was in the car watching. He has never seen Mommy get so violent before. I heard him crying as I was being put into the police car. I will probably have to hire a psychiatrist for him."

The trial is set to take place June 26, 2003.

\*Name has been changed to protect the innocent.

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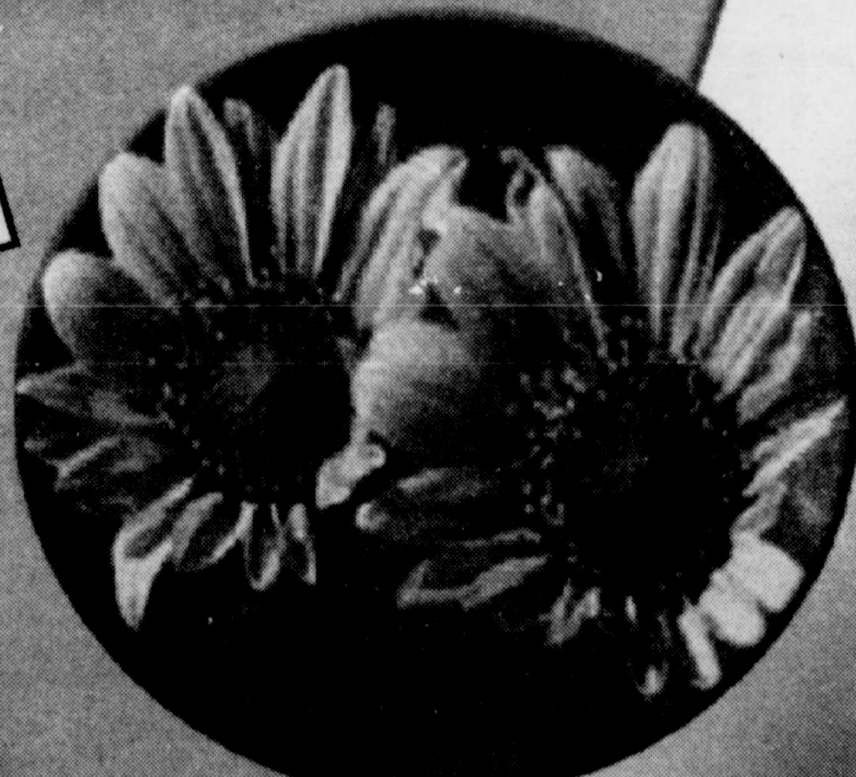


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## The Best Concert Ever

# San Luis Obispo to host King of Pop

► Legendary performer Michael Jackson set to play rare club performance in "homey" atmosphere at Mother's Tavern tonight; locals rejoice, recoil

By Grant Shellen

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After spending several days in a Santa Maria court room last year, pop superstar Michael Jackson is returning to the Central Coast again — this time, to perform. While on hiatus between plastic surgeries, the 44-year-old singer will treat local fans to a show at Mother's Tavern on Friday, June 13. Jackson said he stopped in San



the area. He hadn't thought about performing here, though, until he ran into promoter Eddy Numbskull at a Santa Barbara hardware store.

"I was picking up some plumbing supplies for a home improvement project, and here comes this pale guy in a trench coat, hat, sunglasses and surgical mask," Numbskull said. "My immediate response was, 'What the hell is going on here? Should I shout for help?'"

But Numbskull said he recognized Jackson and quietly told him so. He then told Jackson he was a show promoter and would love to have him perform in the area.

"I was just joking," Numbskull said. "I expected him to say no, but he looked at the ground for a second, looked back at me and said, 'Why not?' I had to try really hard to keep from soiling myself."

"This is great. I mean, how often do you get to see an artist of this caliber in San Luis Obispo? I know Styx performed at the Mid-State Fair last year, but this is even bigger, in my opinion."

**Rick Slater**  
seventh-year music major

Luis Obispo during a break in the trial, and liked its "homey" feel.

"There's something very magical about this town," he said. "I could see living here."

Jackson's odd behavior at several November and December court appearances (he was sued by a promotional company for allegedly backing out of two concerts) caught the attention of national media. Jackson reportedly giggled and mugged for fans while on the stand, and hobbled to the courtroom on crutches one day due to a spider bite.

Despite the criticism of the press, Jackson said he had a great time in

Fans of the self-proclaimed King of Pop are already lining up outside the Higuera Street restaurant to purchase tickets for the event. Grover Beach dental hygienist Margie Young said she plans to wait in line until the day of the event.

"I rushed here as soon as I found out," the 37-year-old said. "After I was here a few days, the management (of Mother's) told me I could go home and they would guarantee me tickets, but I'm staying. I don't have anything else to do — I quit my job to wait here."

Other Jacko fans are less devoted, but excited nonetheless. Rick Slater, a seventh-year music junior



COURTESY PHOTO

**Who's 'Bad?'** When Michael Jackson visited San Luis Obispo last year, he just couldn't stop loving it. Now he is coming here to deliver a thriller of a performance and he's not going to stop 'til you get enough. Now beat it, Michael doesn't want to look at you anymore.

at Cal Poly, said he always hoped to see the pop idol perform, but could never afford the high ticket prices of Jackson's larger-scale performances.

"This is great," Slater said. "I mean, how often do you get to see an artist of this caliber in San Luis Obispo? I know Styx performed at

the Mid-State Fair last year, but this is even bigger, in my opinion."

Other performers scheduled to play in town the same night are understandably less excited. Local favorites JND are scheduled to play at SLO Brewing Company that night.

"I guess it's great that he's com-

ing, but we might as well not play that night," JND vocalist/guitarist Damon Castillo said. "We did win the 'Best of SLO' award for Best Band again, but come on. How am I supposed to compete with a guy who gets defended by millions when he dangles his children out windows on national TV?"

## Sounding Off

# The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Mustang Daily music

► Jaded editor breaks down highs, lows of music that other editors can't get enough of

By Steve Hill

MUSTANG DAILY ARTS & CULTURE EDITOR

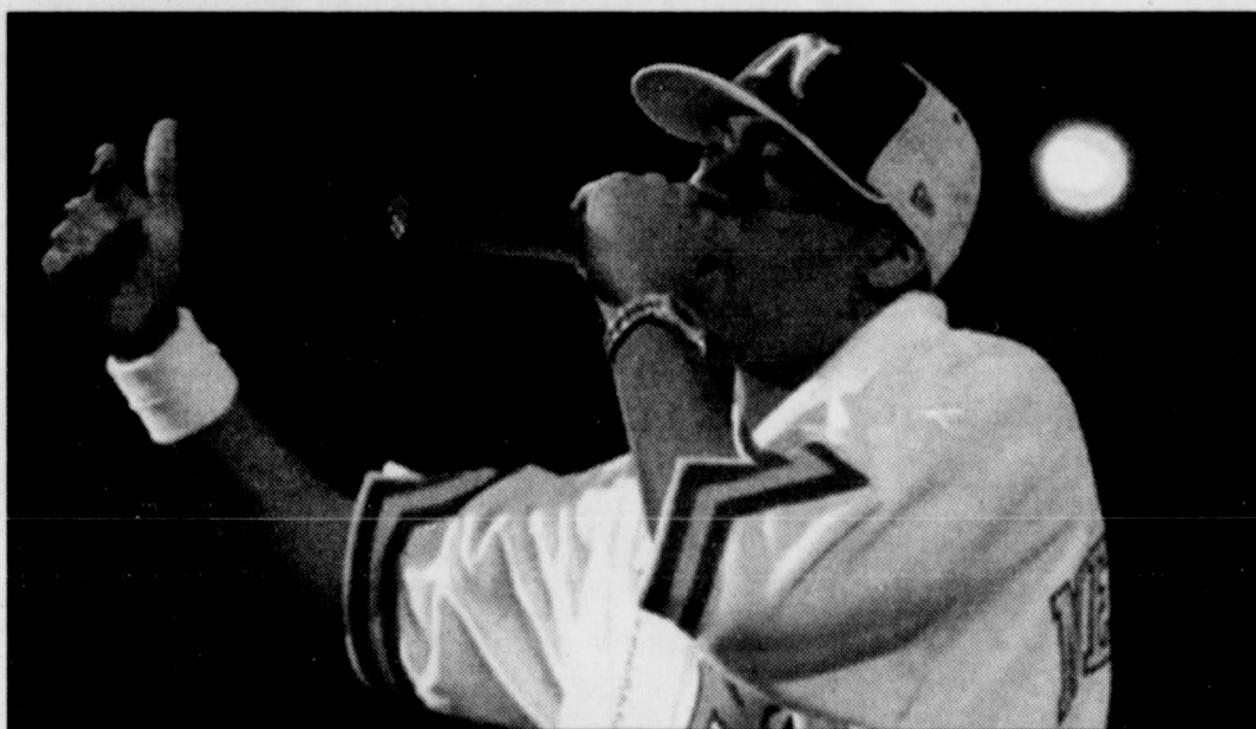
The Mustang Daily newsroom is kind of like a Top 40 radio station. Every week there are one or two songs that get played to death then, mysteriously, are never heard from again.



But for that one week, this editor brings an extra large set of headphones.

Don't get me wrong. Top 40 stations provide for variety and get some people to hear music that they normally wouldn't. Such as myself. Thanks to the Daily, I would never buy a CD by 50 Cent or Christina Aguilera, basically because I hear it in the newsroom and know that I do not need to buy it. Hence, it is a good screening device.

Here, then, is the perspective of an editor who doesn't normally listen to pop hits and, admittedly, has kind of a bias against them. But that



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**Although both rappers get significant attention, Nas (above) sports a much more positive message than popular counterpart 50 Cent (right).**

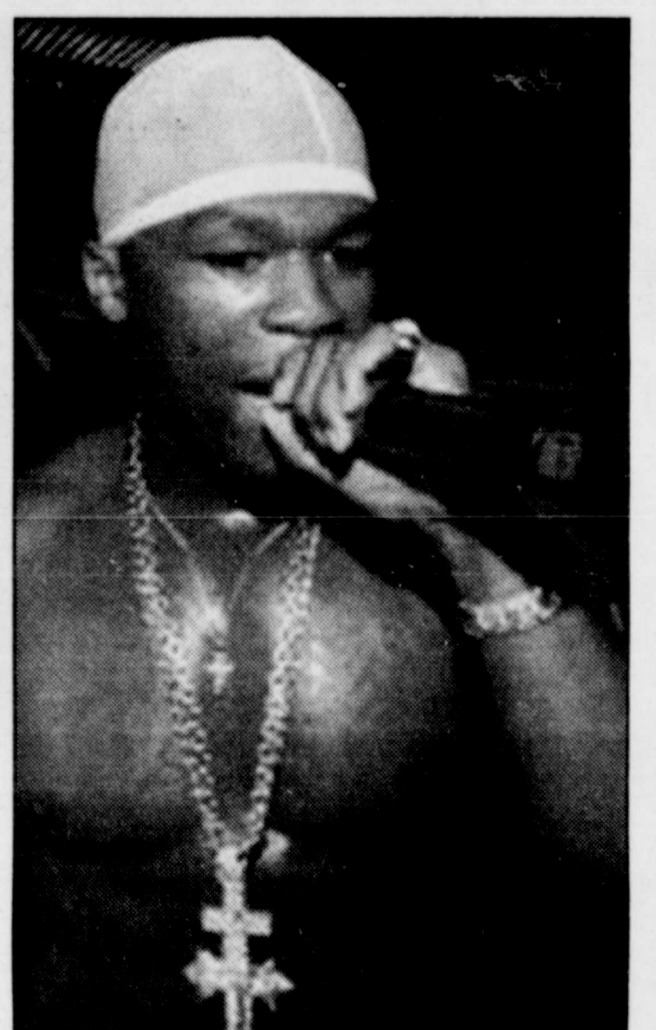
just makes it more amusing.

**Panjabi MC featuring Jay-Z: "Beware of the Boys"**

This is the current smash favorite at the Daily

— whenever it comes on, editors break out the dancing shoes and disco balls and get their collective groove on. I think I am the only one who

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## MUSIC

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notices the blatant rip-off of the "Knight Rider" bass line, but the song is catchy. The Indian-style chanting gets people going and even I own the Jay-Z unplugged album (you can't stop Jigga).

By the way, I miss "Knight Rider."

**R. Kelly: "Ignition Remix"**

The best part about this song is that it makes me laugh; every time I hear it, I can't help but recall how Dave Chapelle spoofed it by replacing "toot-toot" and "beep-beep" with "poo-poo" and "pee-pee" (yes, I am very mature). And I must give R. Kelly a little bit of respect for being able to come back from those nasty child porn charges and bust out a hit that keeps the fans taking something otherworldly — even Michael Jackson couldn't do it.

**John Mayer**

John Mayer is huge. That "Your Body is a Wonderland" song has to be one of the catchiest annoying songs ever. But the ladies love it. And that woman in his video is quite attractive.

Because of the previous sentence, I have re-evaluated my stance on John Mayer. He's OK with me.

**50 Cent**

If I never heard "In Da Club" again I would not have a problem. There was one point in the quarter where I would walk in the Daily and hear it, then walk outside and hear it blasting from someone's car. Ten minutes later when I was scanning through the radio stations I would hear it, then my roommate would turn it up louder just to mess with me.

Then, just when I thought it had died out, Beyonce had to go and do her version of it, since she doesn't already have enough money.

**Nas: "I Can"**

The fact that Nas was able to sample "Fur Elise" is incredible. "FUR ELISE." I thought that song was only reserved for kids learning the piano and cell phone ringtones. The message of the song, as copy editor Matt Szabo pointed out, is very positive, so this

makes it near the top of my list.

**Jack Johnson**

I fully understand why people like this guy. His songs are mellow, bonfire, pass-the-joint tunes. But I still can't tell one song from the next. Maybe I should listen closer. Maybe not.

**New Kids On the Block**

Someone get the hammer pants and tell Tiffany to stop playing at the mall! These guys are the original boy band (if you don't count Menudo).

If this music doesn't take you back to a time of school that had recess and Starter jackets (you know what I am talking about — you just took yours to the Goodwill), then I don't know what will.

**Andre Nickatina featuring San Quinn: "Ayo For Yayo"**

This guy is rapping about how he is walking around with cocaine in his nose. And people like it. This blows (no pun intended) my mind.

**O.A.R. (Of a Revolution)**

See above review of Jack Johnson.

**T.A.T.U.: "All The Things She Said"**

This song rocks! I know it is sad to admit it, but the guitar in the chorus and the synthesizer really add some power to this track. It gets stuck in your head so easily and energizes everyone in the newsroom. And, as editor in chief Stephen Curran says, "Russian lesbians — how can you go wrong?"

Now I know that people are probably going to be upset, thinking I am disrespecting their favorite groups. But there is a bright side to this review. I have been able to see the effects, first hand, that bad music can have on good people. It may not be pretty, but it is fun. And that is all that matters.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The music selection here at Mustang Daily is quite diversified, ranging from fine artists such as John Mayer (left) and New Kids On the Block (center) to R. Kelly (right). Out of the three shown here, Mayer garners the most airplay, while Kelly and NKOTB run a close third to Jack Johnson (not pictured).

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Although they do not get as much exposure as most other musicians on the Daily stereo system, the young women of T.A.T.U. gain much appreciation from the editor in chief.



## Music Man

# Baker set to 'tear it up' at UU Hour

By Grant Shellen

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In an effort to reach out to students, Cal Poly President Warren Baker will sing with a Bay Area rock band this Thursday at University Union Hour.

Baker, whom most students say they have seen in person only once or twice, said he plans to "tear it up" with garage-rockers 25 Cent Ninja.

"These young gentlemen have worked hard to create a dynamic, cohesive rock band that illustrates the learn-by-doing educational philosophy," he said. "Plus, they do a killer cover of 'Sin's a Good Man's Brother' by Grand Funk Railroad."

The president said he came up with the idea while watching last week's episode of "Boston Public," on which a high school assistant principal brings rap music into the classroom to help students understand Shakespeare.

"That's when it occurred to me that Cal Poly students might benefit from something similar," he said. "If they see that they have something in common with the president of the university, perhaps they'll then take a little more interest in education."

Baker said he remembered that his wife's cousin lived on the same street as some kind of musical group, and contacted them the next day.

The group's drummer, Ryan Saca,

said he was a little surprised that a high-ranking college official wanted to jam, but he immediately said "yes" to Baker's proposal.

"I think it will be a great opportunity to expand our fan base," he said. "We haven't really done too many high-profile gigs."

Saca later revealed that the band has only performed once in public, at a barbecue for lifeguards of a now-defunct swim lagoon in his hometown of Fremont, Calif.

News of the planned collaboration came as a surprise to many students.

"That's weird," political science junior Rick Stephens said. "Really weird."

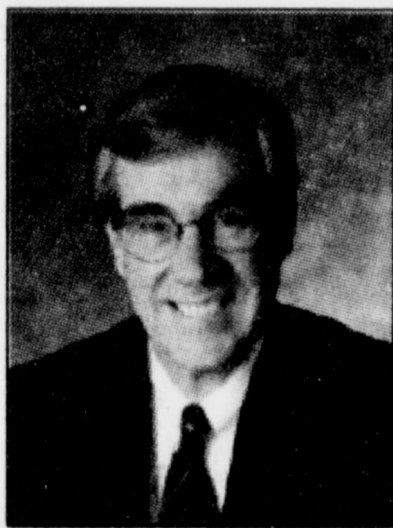
Kinesiology sophomore Olivia Cromwell said she couldn't wait to see the president on stage.

"I think it's going to be really interesting," Cromwell said. "I mean, he seems so stern and disciplined and stuff, but I get the feeling he knows how to get down. I can't wait to hear that New England accent on some rock songs."

Baker said he expected students to be surprised, and that they would be further taken aback to learn that his musical tastes are probably not like they would think.

"The most recent White Stripes album is OK," he said. "But I've been spinning the new AFI more than anything. They've really matured since their debut album — you can almost hear a bit of Fugazi in there."

Cal Poly media relations specialist Teresa Hendrix said she expects the



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Cal Poly President Warren Baker will sing at UU Hour this Thursday with 25 Cent Ninja.

president's appearance Thursday to improve his reputation with students.

"I have to admit that I was a bit skeptical when I first heard about the idea," she said. "But I feel it will really strengthen his bond with the student body, and show them that he is just a regular guy."

The band has been in town for almost a week, Saca said, and has been rehearsing with Baker every night since they arrived. He said the president's reputation has afforded them some liberties.

"We've been practicing in our friend's garage, and someone called the cops the other day," Saca said. "When they arrived and saw President Baker hanging out with us, they just looked kind of stunned and walked away without saying anything."

## Breaking Up

# Southern California to secede, form its own state

By Randi Block

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From stickers to sports teams, nearly every student has shown support of their side in the never-ending war that divided Cal Poly's campus. However, there seems to be an end in sight.

The battle between Northern California and Southern California seems to finally be tapering off ever since the federal courts ruled yesterday that So-Cal would from now on officially be its own state, The One Cal.

"We felt that Southern California should finally get the respect it deserves," said San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy. "The only way people will actually realize how great this place is if we separate from the other, not as great, part of California. We pushed very hard for this ruling. Go So-Cal!"

The new state will include the previous counties of Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego and Imperial, which make up 57.2 percent of the population of the former California.

The federal government will spend the next few months dealing with the division and making the appropriate changes to accommodate the new state. This includes adjusting the Electoral College and holding elections for a new governor.

There are many reasons that residents of So-Cal wanted this change; the first is economical.

With well over the majority of the population living in the southern part of the state, it did not make sense that the money was being divided up evenly. The majority of the money should have stayed with the people in the southern section, said Los Angeles Treasurer Mark Saladino.

"Basically I want to get as much money as I can for the constituents living in L.A. and nearby communities," Saladino said. "I mean honestly, I don't want to share my city's money with those people up in the north. Why should I?"

Another one of the arguments for the divide was the fact that Northern California had nothing to offer the rest of the state. With an abundance of beaches, theme parks, mountains and consistently temperate weather, many southern residents were starting to wonder what the point was of having the northern counties tag along with them.

"I grew up in San Diego and always knew that it's pretty much the best city in the world," said Cal Poly student Katie Jones. "There's nothing I could possibly want and not have in Southern California. It's about time that we got the respect we've earned."

One of the other major contributors to the division were the health problems that Southern California residents were suffering due to their contact with people from northern parts. There have been an increasing number of ear infections due to people having to hear the word "hella" on a consistent basis. Government officials are hopeful that this number will decrease once the state separates.

"Seriously, it's a pain you will never know," Jones said. "Every time I hear that word, I cringe and hope that the pain will pass. I just don't understand the point of that stupid word. It means the same as really — just say really."

The ruling takes effect immediately and border control will be set up at the state line later this week.

"Yeah, Nor-Cal may have stickers and a brand of clothing, but do they have their own state?" Jones said. "No, I don't think they do. Guess we're better."

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**Dick Murphy**  
San Diego mayor

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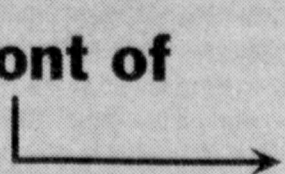
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# Sex-free is the way to be

Penis, penis, penis. Vagina, vagina, vagina. These used to be my six favorite words. My life revolved around sex and booze and pills. A perfect day would consist of me poppin' six Vicodin, drinking a handle of Captain Morgan and screwing a whole fraternity.

But no more. While buying an 80-pack of Magnum condoms (in black) and a gallon jug of lube, I had an encounter. I returned to my car, with the "My other toy has tits" bumper sticker, only to find a strange man in my passenger seat.

"Hello, Shallon," he said serenely. "I'm Jesus."

"Who?"

"Jesus. You know, the savior of mankind."

"Oh oh oh, right, sorry. I'm coming down off four tabs of Ecstasy," I apologized.

"It happens. Most people think I'm John Denver or Gary Busey."

There was an awkward silence, but the Big J didn't seem to mind.

"So ..." I said finally, opening a Steel Reserve. "Um, is this about that episode last Open House? 'Cause the kid looked older than 15."

"No, no it's not."

"The meth lab then?"

"Nah, listen I'm here to show you what your life will become if you continue with this sex column."

We got out of the car and he signaled for me to hop on him, piggyback style. We leapt into the air and began flying around the universe. I felt a lot like Etraui, that kid from the NeverEnding Story. Jesus was like Falcor, that big shimmery dog thing

he rode on. Eventually, we touched down in a street market in Thailand. We ambled through the crowd and found a small door with a pair of boobs painted on it.

Inside, I saw the future me: My hair was dyed orange and I was wearing yellow eye shadow and only one fake eyelash. I was wearing a purple spandex skirt and appeared to have a peg leg. I was smoking cloves and holding a sign saying, "Fifty dolla to make you holla."

"This is you 15 years from now," Jesus said. "You started out writing for a prestigious school paper, and then began a downward spiral. After graduation you got a job at Hooters in Ohio and started balling that blonde guy from 'Full House.' He got you hooked on PCP and angel dust and eventually sold you off to a pimp and you ended up here. Now you're a skank in Bangkok and you got Hepatitis C from a German tourist."

I dropped my malt liquor and screamed. All this from one innocent little entertainment column? Could I really ruin my life just by helping people learn how to enjoy themselves? Well no more! I renounce my evil, sinful, trashy ways! From this moment on I will devote my column to my new calling: ABSTINENCE!

Jesus showed me a coochi snorcher or wang is no place for pleasure. And sexual thought of any kind is WRONG, as is clearly noted in John 3:16. WRONG, WRONG, WRONG, WRONG.

My new life is totally rad. I'll commit a hate crime before I let a sexual thought pass through my mind. Since I'm not showing men unbridled passion anymore, I have PLENTY of time to find other things I'm good at! I had no idea I can pickle beets so well or that I would find my dream career as a Wal-Mart photo technician! But the best part is, me and the old JC have become really close. My favorite verses are Romans 3:16, Leviticus 3:16 and George 3:16.

Next week I'll discuss effective ways to punish yourself for having lusty thoughts. My favorite is gargling with gasoline or purposely contracting lice. Either way, I feel so much closer to Falcor - I mean Jesus. And if you feel like having S-E-X, just remember that when you die your deservedly painful heathen death, you're going straight to H-E-L-L where goblins will eat your guts forever.

Have a super-duper day!

Shallon Lester used to be a speech communication senior but is now a religion major who is a born-again virgin.

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# New housing plan kind of kinky

I am outraged by President Baker's new housing plan! Although our school has continued to enroll truckloads of students without any consideration to the housing crisis, Baker has gone too far with his 2004 development plan, "Modernized living." This remodeling will force Cal Poly into weeks of construction, making it the laughing stock of the Cal State system.

## Stage one:

Every grass lawn will be transformed into camping sites. Fire pits will be built with small eating areas in each site. Outhouses will also be located at each site along with newly built sprinklers to keep clean. Disgusting! It'll be like Wildflower, except year-round. Especially since wristbands will be issued to prevent overcrowding.



## Stage two:

All existing restrooms will be made into mini studio apartments. That's bad enough. However, unlike the campers, these homes already have a toilet along with a sink. Students will need to provide the registrars with their school schedule to obtain an apartment close to their classes or college. In reality, this is the closest to a decent idea. The price will be determined based on location and will offer an optional meal plan.

## Stage three:

The open area up by the horses, pigs and cows will be made into a mobile home park. This is primarily for the high-end students. To live in one of the luxurious suites, you will need to enter a raffle based on your scholastic achievement. The intent is to create a higher level of competition, which will in return produce a growth in productivity among the students. These homes will allow pets; however, you must register them with the agricultural department and the pet must meet the height and weight require-

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## Stage four:

In about five to 25 years the president's house will be phased out. This final stage enables students to use the pre-existing home. This stage is by far the most radical. The idea behind this is to provide a "relaxing" destination for students whenever they need to get away from it all. Thirteen new bedrooms will be added by late November. Therefore, students will be eligible for stay by December 1. This paradise palace will allow students to rent by the hour. Extensive renovation will alter the depths of the walls and interior decorating of the home. Anyone who is a guest of the residence will not be forced to identify his or her name. During private registration, code names will be given out. These names will secure your privacy and allow you to feel free to use the property whenever you see fit. Invites will be extended to students as well as faculty members.

In case you have not read the actual forgoing plan, I would suggest you obtain a blueprint from administration. Who is going to pay for all of this renovation? As you might have guessed it's us. While I agree that housing in San Luis Obispo may be a problem, the time for drastic measures shouldn't compromise the living situation of students. How much work can possible get done while camping at the stage one housing? Overall, students should be warned about what they will be paying for and should think of how they'd feel living in a converted restroom.

Valerie Angelo is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

# Invade Canada now

In a historic turn earlier this week, the U.S. government declared that the French are to be hereby considered terrorists, calling them an extreme threat to national security. As panic rips through our neighborhoods, I look north and see a sleeping giant: Canada.

Canada has long been a pleasant neighbor, usually going along with whatever demands we have of them, but there is trouble brewing. That trouble comes in the form of French terrorists, 6.5 million to be exact. The sheer number is reason enough to continue our war on terrorism by invading Canada and eliminating the pesky Canadian people and their traditions. It's like the melting pot all over again.

It doesn't really matter whether or not any Canadians are actually terrorists. Heck, I'd say they all are if it were up to me. Their Judgment Day is on the horizon, and our boys are ready to give 'em hell.

See the thing about invading Canada isn't so much about what we would gain, although their GDP of \$932 billion sounds inviting. It's about what we can destroy. Canadians have long been guilty of polluting the world with all things that suck. We can stop it by blowing them up.

Let's start with some of their musical exports. The Barenaked Ladies, for example, have been polluting our airwaves and ears with their nonsensical jabberings for years now. But their popularity has been dropping off considerably

lately; no punishment is necessary for them because they know what failures they are. Along with them, we have Canadian staple

Celine Dion, a "woman" who has no place anywhere. No one has a more ridiculous personality; her over-expressions remind one of a wooden puppet of some sort. After Canada topples under our smart bombs, Dion will be sentenced to a small room with rabid dogs and a dozen of her own fans. Nothing could be worse. But even more of a threat is Avril Lavigne. Maybe I should leave her alone; she is hardcore punk rock after all and hot in that 12-year-old boy sort of way ... no, she's a spy sent to corrupt our innocent youth and turn them all into crack-addicted sk8ters. Ja Rule, Cher and the fat one from \*Nsync should also be considered Canadian from here on out. The youth are our most valuable resource - after oil, anyway - and we must protect their virgin ears to the corruptible melodies of these "artists."

It's a tough challenge to write down everything that is wrong with Canada. But I'll try. They have the Canadian Football League, with the slogan "Radically Canadian." First of all, who knew there was even such a league and secondly, "radically?" What could possibly be defined as radically Canadian? Surely not their pathetic football league.

The country's major exports include ice, ridiculous accents, maple syrup and comedians. I'll let the ice and the come-

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dians go, as long as Tom Green promises to make "Freddy Got Fingered 2." But as for the accents, they will have to go. After the collapse of their government, every Canadian should be ordered into speech therapy for a mandatory two years until their "aboots" turn into "abouts" and their "ehs" turn into "heys."

The Canadians won't put up much of a fight, either; they have no standing army and the Mounties on horseback will be weaker than Iraq's Republican Guard. Besides, our schoolchildren are more heavily armed than any Canadian peacekeeper.

Despite all of this, the Canadians do have one good thing: Their beer. Both Molson and Moosehead are decent lagers, but their names will have to be changed to be less Canadian. Moosehead can be the more American-sounding Beefhead, and Molson can change to Rumsfeld, to be named after Canada's great liberator.

When the attack finally starts, I will be the first on the street, clipping American flags to all four windows on my SUV in true American fashion.

P.S. Canada's national animal is the beaver. Enough said.

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"When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro." - Hunter S. Thompson



# Point / Counterpoint

## He said, she said: Which is the superior sex?

Why don't we start at the very beginning and work our way forward, to better understand the sub-par nature of females and why they have, and always will be, inferior to the dominant male?

It all started with Adam and Eve, our own patriarchs and matriarchs. Who goes and ends paradise in the biblical tale, but Eve? The ignorant woman decides to pick a fruit she knew she couldn't have. It's not surprising that the woman way back when was the one who ended glorious naked time; I can only imagine the pain Adam must have felt when he watched Eve throw a leaf over her body.

It's the same situation as women of the 21st century deciding to buy another fringing pair of Dolce and Gabana shoes on her boyfriend's credit card, thus going over budget and ruining the prospects of a vacation together.

Women just don't think right. Men go on facts and address each situation on causes and effects, but women base their decisions on emotions, which can change as quickly as their monthly taste for overpriced handbags.

Is it really any surprise that there have not been any renowned women innovators or thinkers in history? Sure, given a chance we could all list a handful, but men have the field of innovation, philosophy and technology on lock. From Aristotle, Einstein, Magellan and Alexander the Great to Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg, men have run the world for eternity and will continue to do so because women leadership has terrifying and frightening outcomes.

Should I even venture into the sports and physical sphere, where women's inferiority is easily highlighted? Yeah, I think it's a given. Just as given that women will be forced to return their title of housewife when they realize the

*Women just don't think right.*

glass ceiling is actually a five-foot thick granite wall they will never break through. What's going on with the WNBA, ladies? I thought there was a massive market for the women's basketball league, but I guess not. I assume owners, endorsers and the general public realized the WNBA is about as entertaining as watching 10 slower versions of Los Angeles Lakers forward Mark Madsen play a pick-up game.

It's just plain easier to be a guy. Our friendships and relationships are much easier to deal with because they stay on the same plane, so we don't hate each other one day and love each other an hour later.

Getting out of the house and out for a night takes half as much time. A shower, a shave and we're there, while women struggle with the curling iron, combs and wardrobe selection for half the night. Ladies should really focus on this aspect, so that they can give more time and attention to their horrible senses of direction and navigational skills.

Most importantly, men have control over their bodies (in most situations). We are not run by a monthly set of emotions, feelings and cramps. I would venture so far as to say, with help from the research of a renowned male biologist, that all women's faults and problems stem from this biological makeup. Glass ceiling, PMS, poor navigational skills, PMS, lack of physical ability in sports, PMS. The list can go on and on, but I don't want to cause any more undue stress and pain for the fragile and delicate females.

Luke Darling is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer. Oh, and a man.

Ever since biblical times, people have been reminded that the female surpasses males in so many ways. For example, if Adam was created first by God, then Eve must be an improvement. Thanks to Eve, women stand as the epitome of perfection.

First, women are better because we have a cleaner and healthier behavior. Eve must have kept her dwelling and herself immaculate, and it probably would have been easier to do without Adam around. Anyway, the issue of tidiness has been a disputed topic for as long as anyone

can remember for the male/female relationship. If men were as smart as women, they would realize that females are trying to help males. If one is surrounded by a clean environment, it will contribute to longevity of life.

Women are better because we eat better. It is already well known that women have a longer life expectancy than men by average of three to five years. Numerous studies confirm that women eat more fruits and vegetables, as well as taking multi vitamin-mineral supplements. And men still wonder why women live longer.

Women are better because we have a greater tolerance for mental anguish. Women have the natural ability to withstand a higher amount of pain. Three obvious ideas about women's ability to cope with physical pain are monthly cramps, childbearing and waxing. I would love to see a man deal with a punching pain in the stomach every month. Another example of mental strength is how women cope in a love relationship. Women constantly deal with men spending time with their greasy, beer-guzzling friends and have to handle their emotional disconnectedness in relationships.

Although women have suffered from great

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disadvantages in terms of salaries compared to their male counterparts, it seems males have been naïve to the reasons that lie behind the discrimination of salaries. In reality, a large percentage of a man's salary is spent on women. Consider an occasion at bars or restaurants. Men are still somewhat expected to show themselves off by purchasing drinks and food in order to impress women. If men didn't have women, they would be rich and frustrated.

Women are better because they can handle sexual frustration. The realm of sex will always be a forte for women. It is not that common that you will hear a man say no; that is why there are not as many male strip clubs as female ones. Women always get what they want, they don't just get teased by some nasty "dancer." Besides, as women, we will always know a few of life's great mysteries. We will always know if size truly matters, we will always be able to achieve more orgasms than men in one hot session and we don't really feel a significant difference with or without a condom. And of course, we will never have to wonder if his orgasm was real.

These are only a few of the reasons why women are better than men, but it should be apparent now to the masses that women will forever outshine men. As women, we sometimes feel sorry for the unfairness that men must endure in life. But if there is one lesson men could learn from women, it has to be "do as we say but not as we do."

Samantha Weeks is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer. Oh, and a woman.

## Letters from the editors

### Dear Dick Wrinkle of 'Wrinkle's Pancake House,'

Despite your invention of the "Wrinkle cake," I left your business out of our Feb. 2 article on pancakes in San Luis Obispo. Although your riff on American food culture is noteworthy, in reality your products are just regular pancakes that have been "wadded up" in the hands of your staff. Were we to do a culture story on "foods-wadded-up-in-the-hands-of-waiters," your establishment would be the centerpiece of that story. Oh, and I have changed my phone number since receiving your multiple voicemails.

Bryan Dickerson is a journalism senior and former Arts & Culture editor who has a decent sense of what students care about.

### Dear Letter writer,

I wanted to take this time to thank you for your riveting letter to the editor. I'm so glad you took the time to fax it into the Mustang Daily. I especially enjoyed having to type in your 1,000 word dissertation that revealed "new" facts about abortion and Christianity. Your usage of Bible verses was superb. However, I encourage you to use more verses because in reality, 47 references just doesn't get the point across. If you stepped it up to more than 50, I'm sure that readers would run to Campus Crusade to join. As you know, the more the word is out there, the more likely people will run to convert their religious beliefs.

Also, your suggested headline was also outstanding and I'm glad that I could run it as is. For an engineering freshman, I'm glad to see you have a firm grasp on journalistic style and can take the time to inform me, a journalism senior. You must be one smart cookie considering your vast experience with modern medicine that allows you to be a knowledgeable resource on abortion as well as your journalism experience that allows you to tell me the proper way to do my job. In addition, you are also extremely wise when it comes to prime numbers! You must be the envy of all of your friends.

I'm also very excited to see that you faxed your letter in at 6:42 a.m., a mere 20 minutes after the paper was delivered on campus. Your dedication to finding every single tiny error is not only appreciated, but encouraged. Without quality engineering freshmen like yourself, we would never be the award-winning publication we are today.

I know that prior to receiving your letter you called the Mustang Daily to speak to me about not running your letter the moment I received it. I explained to you that we don't run a paper at 3 p.m., which you seemed to not understand. However, calling me names definitely encouraged me to run your letter sooner, despite timeliness and space. Really, although the abortion debate began two

months ago in the letters to the editor, your letter definitely deserves to be at the top of the timeliness list.

In conclusion, it is a fact that I enjoyed reading your letter and look forward to more. Remember, the longer the better because I enjoy cutting them down to 250 words more than I enjoy sleeping or going out. I'd spend all my time editing letters if I could. To get your e-mail in response to my editing makes my day even better and is a close second to the initial editing. So, keep the letters coming because everyone wants to read your opinion at least four times a week.

Dena Horton is a journalism senior and the opinion editor. That's why she can write a 473-word letter and no one else can.

### Dear Group or Club,

I was very happy to receive your complaint. Constructive criticism really helps me do my job. I am truly sorry that the preview for your event and the photo of the event wasn't enough coverage. Next time I will make sure I cover every event of every club with a 600-word preview, a follow-up story and numerous photos. Next time, we will talk to every person in your club even though no one will call us back.

We will also make sure to put the story on the front page, above the fold with a 60-point headline. Since we only have so many writers and photographers, I will personally write the preview and follow-up and take photos. Your criticism has been so helpful.

Andra Coberly is a journalism junior and a slightly bitter news editor who really doesn't take criticism well.

### Dear Readers,

I was called a Nazi by someone who has never met me. We talked for only a few minutes and he felt the need to compare my editorial style to the perpetrators of the most horrific event of the 20th century.

Answering the phone in the Mustang Daily newsroom is always an adventure. Getting yelled at for 10 minutes about a writer's opinion of a newly released CD is always something I enjoy. Just for the record, when someone writes a review it is the writer's opinion of a band, a restaurant or a movie. I can't be held responsible for someone else's taste.

I signed on for this job knowing full well I would be dealing with some interesting characters. I field phone calls all day, look through the mail, I see all the letters that come in and hear all the messages we receive. But being called a Nazi by a local booking agent takes the cake.

And while we are on the subject of phone calls, if you want your event/band/team covered and you sent a press release, we got it. There is no need to call or write 50 times to "check." If I decide to assign the story we will call you.

Malia Spencer is a journalism senior who single-handedly makes this paper work, no matter what the other editors say.

### Dear Letter writers,

Thanks for addressing someone in your letter without mentioning the letter you're referring to. Also, thanks for bitching when I slightly change your letter for grammar or clarity. Gee, I know it's not what you really wrote, but people will have a hard time reading what you really wrote.

Finally, thanks for not knowing the difference between an article (news, sports or arts), a commentary (opinion) and a letter (also opinion). I'm glad you think letter writers actually submit articles; maybe we should change it to "Articles to the Editor."

Most of you are fairly well spoken and very entertaining, so none of this is a diss. Just ranting from a sometimes-frustrated copy editor.

Matt Szabo is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily head copy editor.

### Dear Readers,

As a dedicated member of the Mustang Daily staff, it is with great tenacity that I read the letters to the editor every day. But things have gotten boring. Like a theatre major starved for attention, I need more.

I have grown tired of reading about the same issues day in, day out. Same sex marriages. Religion. Soledad. This is why I heed a new call for all letter writers:

Be creative, people! If you have seen a subject covered more than twice, let it rest in peace. If you are reading an article that you know will garner a reaction, let some other mundane writer tackle the searing issue. And finally, if you can't suppress the inner theatre major and need to see your name in print, write about something new. That one where some guy wrote about sharks was genius. Tap into the Stephen King that lies deep inside you and mix it up a little bit.

Steve Hill is a journalism junior and the Mustang Daily Arts & Culture editor who wasn't very creative in writing this letter.



## Local Briefs

**'Rainbow Pony' rejected as new Cal Poly mascot**

In a crushing blow to brightly colored animals with large, pleading eyes, students overwhelmingly rejected "Rainbow Pony" as Poly's new mascot. The vote last Tuesday came about after Associated Students Inc. put the matter up for vote, saying they felt the school's image needed 'softening.'

"For years we've been represented by a one-color silhouette of a horse, and we felt it was time to explore the possibility of a new mascot," said ASI president Aly Sheedy. "Kids love ponies, especially colorful ones with magic powers and the ability to make everything better."

Other rejected mascot concepts included The Care Bears, Mr. Clean and a dried twig with a piece of string tied around it.

**'Bad things are wrong' letter issued by President Baker**

In a 3,000-plus word e-mail to Cal Poly staff, faculty and students, President Baker listed reasons why bad things are not desirable on the Poly Campus.

"When good things happen on campus, people feel good," the letter stated. "Consequently, when bad things happen people don't feel as good. I want everyone on campus to be good."

Many students were confused by

the letter. Sara Tonin said she couldn't see the point to the massive e-mail, and added that the letter just kind of rambled on.

"It was like he drank a bunch of NyQuil and sat at his computer just writing whatever popped into his head," Tonin said. "I mean, he didn't really say anything or commit to a specific point of view other than 'Bad things are wrong.' Maybe if he at least had a topic sentence to clarify where he was going, I would have stuck with it, but I just deleted it after the first page or so."

**Jesus making tidy sum from Christian clothing line**

A senior project introducing a new line of "contemporary Christian clothing" has made Jesus H. Christ quite wealthy. The savior, who graduated with a business degree in 2001, has expanded his line of "smart, comfortable worship wear" to overwhelming response.

"Ya know, I started this whole thing to reach out to my brothers and sisters, know what I'm saying?" Christ said. "I wanted something cool to kick it in during Bible study and shit, and judging by sales, it looks like a lot of my peeps were thinking the same thing."

The clothing line features an extensive collection of track suits with the distinctive "Christ" logo, a crown of thorns encircling the initials "J.C." God's son added that his new spring line will come in an assortment of soothing Easter-inspired pastels, like pink and green.

**37th 'fiesta'-themed restaurant opens in SLO**

Jose Murphy's cantina and Irish pub opened on Foothill Boulevard last week to a tepid response from the college community.

The restaurant joins 36 other themed eateries geared toward "unwinding after work or school in a fun, entertaining environment." Despite an extensive appetizer menu with such "wacky" items as pizza balls, meat buckets, fenckles and chicken wretchers, business has been slow.

"I don't understand it," said manager Harry Fursuit. "We offer Mexican food and alcohol. No place in California offering Mexican food and alcohol together ever goes out of business. Just look around you."

**Film class proves brilliant director was 'a little strange'**

Cal Poly course FILM 345, The Films of Yars Lanvil, educated many students on film artistry and groundbreaking cinematic techniques used by the obscure Russian director. But what most students left the class with was not the director's brilliant use of foreshadowing, lighting, metaphor and sound, but his eccentric lifestyle that included popcorn baths and pig milking.

"We watched these incredible films that seemed to encapsulate the entire range of human emotions," student Nora Peneff said. "But what I remember most from the class are all the details about his eccentric lifestyle, the compulsive bag-folding, the mayonnaise fornicating and the

fact that he ripped off his own eyelids to protest the Kremlin."

**New store offers more weird crap than other stores**

"Ruggles" opened this week in downtown San Luis Obispo, offering consumers a choice of over 10,000 quirky, unique and totally useless items. The store, a sort of Costco for Kitsch, is built on the premise that people will buy almost anything that is colorful, shiny and kind of "hip."

"We are seeking to obliterate our competition by offering more random retail entertainment than the next guy," said owner Douglass Fur. "We have over 6,500 square feet of celebrity dolls, head-bobbing thingies, T-shirts with pop-culture references, cool retro light switch plates and zebra-hide lampshades."

However, not all college students are being swayed to buy trivial items.

"My apartment's full and I really can't afford another Three Stooges coaster set," said Catherine Deneuve. "I'd rather save my money for something important, like rent or food."

**Car with 'Princess' sticker driven by teenager from Atascadero**

A 1990 Geo Prism traveling north on Highway 101 with the sticker "Princess" was being driven by a woman with no actual link to royalty. Seventeen-year-old Ashlee put the sticker on her car last month because she thought it was funny.

"I'm not, like, a real princess or anything," Ashlee said. "That's why it's funny. See, I'm not really a princess. I'm just a regular girl from A-town.

Isn't that hilarious?"

Ashlee added that she received the sticker from her mom Leslie, when her mother was practicing a self-described "random act of kindness."

"My mom's always doin' stuff like that," Ashlee said. "She'll yell at you, then later she'll watch Oprah and start crying and then go and do something nice for you. She also gave me the sticker that says 'Brat.'"

**Campus Dining introduces consumable animal or something**

Earlier this week, Campus Dining unveiled a new meat product at all of its Cal Poly eateries. "Mmmrrphh," as it's called, is a mysterious meat that tastes like chicken and has a delicious, light flaky texture and minimal calories. Offered as the perfect "on the go" meat food for the health conscious, Mmmrrphh is currently being raised in incubators right here on campus.

"Last year, we made kind of a mistake," said Chip Tuth of ag. science. "We left a container of QuikEvolv near the chickens, and there was this bright flash of light. Then all these little slug-like things come running out making this horrible shrieking noise, like they was mad."

Following Tuth's discovery, Campus Dining sealed off the area and installed a processing facility near the poultry/mmrrphh unit. The new protein substance is currently being patented by Campus Dining and could potentially revolutionize fast food.

Briefs written by former Mustang Daily arts editor and new daddy Bryan Dickerson.

# 'Haterade' added to Webster's Dictionary to appeal to America's youth

By Devin Kingdon  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Haterade, (hate-er-aid): A figurative beverage for one who enjoys "hating" on other people. This word is about to become a new entry in Webster's Dictionary.

"It's all about street credibility," Random House's Chief Dictionary Financial Adviser Matt Finkel said. "We've been seeing sales of Webster's Dictionary drop off lately with America's youth, so we've decided to start adding words they use over the next couple of years. We hope this will allow us to connect with an

entirely new audience."

Officials for Webster's are hoping that eventually a young person would be just as likely to purchase a new, updated dictionary as, say, 50 Cent's upcoming autobiography or the latest unofficial tale of J Lo's newest divorce.

"The youth book market is one the industry's fasting growing," Finkel said. "We want a piece of that pie, so to speak."

The process for choosing new words, however, has been extremely difficult for the crew at Webster's.

"There are a lot of words out there that come from the youth culture," Dictionary Addition Specialist James Grayson said. "It's been hard to find

the ones that have the longest reach and also the most impact. We felt 'haterade' captured both of these qualities."

Other words under final consideration included "boo," one's respective boyfriend or girlfriend, and "fotie" (spelled correctly), usually used in reference to 40 ounces of low-quality malt liquor available for less than \$2.

"All of these words had great potential," Grayson said. "'Boo' was recently popularized in that new Queen Latifah movie, and 'fotie' has been a staple in the urban environment as well as college campuses."

The reaction has been a generally

positive one, from both college students and others around the United States. In fact, a coalition was founded seven years ago to accomplish this very feat of adding more youthful terms to the dictionary.

U.R.B.A.N.I., The United Revolutionary Ballas for the Addition of New Idioms, was founded by David Turner, a former professor of ebonics at UC Berkeley who now devotes all of his time to the organization.

"Our organization was founded on the goal of getting more slang into everyone's vocabulary," Turner said. "We want every housewife in America to be calling their mean next door neighbor a 'wack biaaatch' by

2006. We want anyone who pretends to be something they're not, for instance a good golfer or a good lover, to be referred to as a 'wanksta.' All of this is within our reach. The addition of 'haterade' is the first step in a long and tedious campaign process."

Webster's is hoping that sales will jump by at least 15 to 20 percent after the updates take place later this month.

"At first it was just about increasing profits," Finkel said. "But it has become more than that now; it's about bringing the people together, hopefully without anyone who's been 'sipping the haterade.' Did I use it right?"



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## Wildflower

# Runner: 'My ass was in lockdown'

By Graham Womack  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF LIAR

Amidst all the debauchery and athletic display at the recent Wildflower, a remarkable participant finished the Olympic course.

LaPhoniqua Belton was possibly the only fugitive convict at Lake San Antonio May 4. An inmate of Bakersfield Maximum Security Prison until recently, Belton recorded a Wildflower time just over three hours, although this cannot be verified since Belton did not sign up for the race.



"Shit, I didn't have time to fill me out the forms," Belton said in a recent secret interview. "My ass was in lockdown."

Belton went to Wildflower after staging a dramatic escape in the early morning hours of April 28. Having honed her triathlon skills during an eight-year term, Belton overpowered two female guards and knocked out a third after convincing them to take her to the prison infirmary because of hamstring cramps.

Belton had served time at Bakersfield for repeated bike thefts and repeatedly attempting to impersonate Pauly Shore. True to

form, once out of jail she immediately stole a bike while witnesses heard her spouting out lines from "Jury Duty." The witnesses did not laugh.

Having learned of Wildflower from a fellow inmate who had participated in Ironman, Belton decided to bike north toward Lake San Antonio.

"It was like, go back to lockdown, attempt to go to Mexico or go do a triathlon," Belton said. "Well, my ass ain't never going to the penitentiary again and last I heard, there aren't any triathlons in Mexico."

On her bike, Belton made her way 150 miles to Wildflower, traveling at night and sleeping in drainage ditches and septic tanks, when possible, during the day.

She arrived in the woods above Beach City just after 1 a.m. May 4. Under clear skies, Belton stole a sleeping bag from an intoxicated Beach City resident and slept under the stars.

The first wave of the Olympic Course began at 9 a.m., but Belton decided to sleep in, since she didn't know how to swim. "There ain't no pools in prison!" Belton said.

Instead, Belton took three wake-up beer bongs in Beach City then headed over with her bike to Lynch Hill. She slipped onto the bike course around 9:25 a.m., wearing a stolen UCSB uniform, blending in with the wave of female collegiate athletes

who came up the hill.

Belton was near the lead for a time but had to stop at 30 kilometers after getting two flat tires. Unsure how to change flats, she flagged down cyclist Maggie Donovan, 28, asked for help, then stole Donovan's LeMans road bike.

After finishing the 40-kilometer bike ride, Belton completed a transition and proceeded to run the final 10k portion of the race. Passing through Beach City during the first mile of the run, she took another beer bong.

"That crazy lady could drink like no other," volunteer and metropolitan design junior Chad Clayton said.

Unlike most runners, Belton seemed to run faster while inebriated. She only slowed when she began to sober around the five-mile point. By the time she was near the finish line coming down Lynch Hill, she had slowed to a near crawl, startling onlookers with her cries for beer.

"Most athletes cry at Wildflower due to severe physical pain," onlooker Chris Carvell said. "This lady was a first."

Belton crossed the finish in 3:09, immediately heading over to Beach City after. Following consumption of more beer, she left the Lake San Antonio campgrounds just as police were showing up. She's spent the last week hiding near Paso Robles, contemplating a next move.

## STEROIDS

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Several coaches filed complaints with the NCAA between November 2001

and January 2003 about the conditions of their locker rooms in Mott Gym.

In his letter to the NCAA, UC Santa Barbara men's basketball coach Jim Rome complained that mounds of dog feces were spread throughout the locker room and several gallons of expired milk were left out in the open without a lid.

*"I opened the door and there they were, just shooting each other up."*

After receiving similar complaints from Big West basketball and volleyball coaches, the NCAA sent three investigators to check out the facilities in mid-February. The officials found the parties responsible were members of the Mustang Militia, an unofficial spirit group of Cal Poly athletics.

**Larry Bonds**  
NCAA official

Eustachy is expected to host a press conference at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Mott Gym, where he will likely announce his resignation. If he doesn't resign he will likely be fired, according to a written statement found in President Darren Baker's office trash can.

## BUST A CAP

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"Dude," Kent said to Beals. "What'd you do?"

Szabo, stunned by the blow, staggered away from Beals and toward his backpack. After fumbling around in his bag for a few moments he grabbed a hold of a fully loaded .22-caliber revolver and fired three shots in the direction of Kent and Beals.

Upon hearing the shots managing editor Malia Spencer, who had been sleeping during the entire argument, suddenly woke up and ran toward Szabo. A former linebacker at Live Oak High School, Spencer speared the gunman as if she were a professional wrestler.

The fall caused Szabo to suffer a severe concussion. He also needed 50

stitches for the cut above his right eye.

Spencer's tenacious tackle brought

*"But that's a typical Lakers fan for you, always bringing up the past. The truth of the matter is you're getting wiz-norked by the Spurs."*

**Matty Beals**

Kings-a-holic

the ordeal to an end, but not without a price. She fractured her pinky in the hit and will spend the next few nights at the hospital for precautionary reasons.

Editor in chief Stephen Curran, who was in the bathroom during the entire dispute, slipped on the malt liquor spilled on the ground upon entering the newsroom and cut his hand on a piece of broken glass.

Sports editor Jacob Jackson was also taken to the hospital for an ingrown toenail and arts and culture editor Steve Hill was treated for a hangnail. Both will remain on indefinite leave.

News editor Andra Coberly, opinion editor Dena Horton and copy editor Emily Wong were passed out from excessive alcohol consumption and did not know shots had been fired as of deadline.

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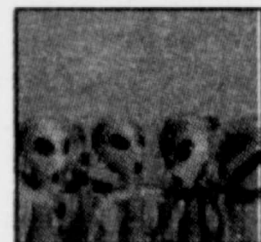
# Gunfight erupts over Kings-Lakers rivalry

By Andy Fahey  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF LIAR

What started out as a typical Lakers/Kings argument late Monday night ended in the hospitalization of several members of the Mustang Daily editorial staff.

Layout designer Matt Beals and photo editor Brian Kent were taken to Sierra Vista Hospital and treated for multiple gun shot wounds. A security video obtained by breaking into the University Police Department's evidence locker revealed head copy editor Matt Szabo as the gunman.

Beals was shot once in the left shoulder and once in the chest. The bullet that hit Beals in the chest went right through him and into Kent's right side. Kent, squealing in pain, hurried over and was then shot in the buttocks.



"He shot me in the ass!" Kent shouted from his hospital bed. "I can't believe he did that. Really, who shoots somebody in the ass? Who does that?"

Both Beals and Kent suffered serious injuries, but both are expected to

fully recover, said hospital spokesperson Anita Knutt.

"I always knew that newsrooms can be magnanimously tense," Knutt said. "But I've never seen anything quite like this."

The video, which produced both a clear audio and visual streamline, showed the conflict began when several members of the Mustang Daily staff began consuming alcohol while working on Tuesday's newspaper, a common

*"Yeah, you're not even from L.A. You're from SAN GABRIEL VALLEY!"*

**Brian Kent**  
Laker-hater

practice with legitimate newspapers and especially the Mustang Daily. The staff was watching NBA playoff basketball on the newsroom television when the debate began.

"It's a shame that the Lakers won't win this series so they can get worked by the Kings in the conference finals," Beals said as he sipped his Rolling Rock.

Szabo put down his 40-ounce bottle of Mickey's in disbelief.

"What are you talking about?" Szabo replied. "The Lakers will win just like they always do. They've had their backs against the wall before. You know what happened last year when your Kings were up 3-2: You

choked," Szabo said as he put his hands around Beals' neck, a la Latrell Sprewell.

Beals pushed Szabo off. "You better back the f--- up before you get smacked the f--- up," Beals said. "But that's a typical Lakers fan for you, always bringing up the past. The truth of the matter is you're getting wized-norked by the Spurs."

Szabo shook his head and paused for a moment before bringing up Thursday's Kings and Mavericks game.

"You mean like getting 83 points scored on you in one half," Szabo said. "That looks like you got worked pretty good."

Beals tried to ignore Szabo for a while, bobbing his head to Andre Nickatina's hit song "Ayo for Yayo," and returned his attention to the TV. A few seconds later he told Szabo he wasn't a real Lakers fan.

"You're not even from L.A.," Beals said. "When you write letters to home, do you address them to Los Angeles?"

Kent, who was in the rear of the office and had not been involved in the dispute, randomly joined the argument.

"Yeah, you're not even from L.A.,"

he shouted from his computer. "You're from SAN GABRIEL VALLEY!"

Szabo wasn't pleased to see Kent enter the debate.

"Shut up photo boy," Szabo said. "You're not even a basketball fan, let alone a Kings fan."

Kent answered back: "That's right I'm not a Kings fan. I'm just a fan of whatever team is playing against the Lakers."

So disgusted with the anti-Lakers sentiments, Szabo picked up his 40-ounce and threw it against the

wall. The bottle shattered on impact and malt liquor and pieces of glass flew around the newsroom.

"Everybody in here needs to stop sippin' on the haterade or I'm gonna go buck wild," Szabo said.

Beals put down the bottle of Rolling Rock on his desk and rose from his seat.

"Szabo, you're so full of s---," Beals said. "You don't even know how to go buck wild. This is going buck wild."

Beals picked up one of the seven empty bottles on his desk and broke it over Szabo's head, causing a gruesome gash above his right eye.

**Matt Szabo**

Shoots Kings fans recreationally

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## Cal Poly Club Sports

# Steroid scandal rocks badminton

By Andy Fahey  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF LIAR

The Cal Poly athletic department is facing severe disciplinary action after several badminton players tested



positive for anabolic steroids.

NCAA official Larry Bonds caught four athletes taking the drugs late Sunday night on his way to a restroom in the Cal Poly Rec Center.

"I wasn't actively trying to find anybody doing anything," Bonds said. "I wasn't even supposed to work this weekend. I was just stepping in the john to relieve myself. I opened up the door and there they were, just shooting each other up. At first I thought it was heroin."

Bonds saw the following athletes taking steroids in the first floor men's restroom closest to the basketball courts: Ron Madden, Ike Krukow, Hillary Sminton and Janet Tahoe. In addition to those four, Jorge Bush, Izzie Smith and April Lavigne also

tested positive for steroids in a mandatory drug test Monday morning.

Bonds said he was in San Luis Obispo to attend his cousin's parakeet's bar mitzvah.

He said he just stopped at the Rec Center to get a quick game of ping-pong in before heading to the ceremony.

Cal Poly badminton became a NCAA sport last fall after the program made national headlines when Krukow beat 2000 Olympic gold medalist Ji Xinpeng from China in an exhibition singles match. Before that, badminton was a club sport at Cal Poly.

The team was scheduled to play its first NCAA match against UC Berkeley in the newly renovated Mott Arena on Sept. 6. All 60,000 seats had been sold out since early January.

While the NCAA isn't expected to make a formal announcement regarding Poly's punishment until Wednesday, Cal Poly athletic ethics counselor Terry Eustachy said he is expecting Cal Poly athletics to be dropped from Division I.

"At the very least, we will be dismissed altogether from the NCAA," Eustachy said.

"Those guys take their rules infractions really seriously."

According to Article 85 of the N C A A Constitution, athletic ethics counselors can be held liable and face time in a federal prison if found out to have provided athletes with illegal substances to enhance an athlete's performance.

"I just hope I don't go to jail," Eustachy said. "I mean, look at me. I'm too pretty to go to jail. I wouldn't survive more than five minutes."

**Terry Eustachy**  
Cal Poly athletic ethics counselor

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National titles for the Cal Poly football team. The Mustangs have been ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press poll every week for the past seven years.

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#### Monday's question

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